

No. 10.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled :

The petition of the undersigned, of the City of Grand Forks, B. C., humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioners are all British subjects and permanent residents of the Province of British Columbia.

That in view of the rapid and extensive development of the mining industry in this Province, of the rise and progress of cities and districts in the Interior, and of the growth in wealth and population of the Coast cities, it is highly desirable that better telephone and telegraph facilities be provided to facilitate the carrying on of business and to meet the requirements of cities and districts situate in different parts of the Province, many miles apart, as well as to provide for the rapidly increasing business between the cities and districts in the Interior and Vancouver and Victoria.

That your petitioners, therefore, humbly request your Honourable Body to incorporate a company to be called "The Western Telephone and Telegraph Company," with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout the Province of British Columbia, and to construct, erect and maintain poles and other works and devices necessary for making, completing, working and maintaining communication by telephone and telegraph, within and throughout the said Province, and to open or break up any part of the highways or streets within the said Province; to purchase, acquire, or lease and hold and dispose of lands or buildings within the Province, and to purchase or lease for any term of years any telephone or telegraph line established or to be established in British Columbia, connected or to be connected with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines or any portion or portions thereof to any company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telephone or telegraph communication connecting, or to be connected, with the Company's line or lines, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

That it is in the public interest that telephone and telegraph lines be constructed to connect remote sections of the Province and would be conducive to its material welfare.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes above mentioned.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

WM. B. DAVEY.
J. B. DONALD.
ALEX. MILLER.

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No. 10A.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

The petition of William Farrell, of the City of Vancouver, Banker, humbly sheweth:—

1. That a petition has been presented to your Honourable House in behalf of Wm. B. Davey, J. B. Donald and Alexander Miller, praying for the incorporation by private Act of a Telephone and Telegraph Company, with power to operate in the Province of British Columbia generally.

2. That I am a shareholder in the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, operating in New Westminster and Vancouver, and in the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, operating on the Mainland of British Columbia, and my interests as such shareholder will be prejudicially affected by the passing of such Act.

3. That the said petitioners have not complied with the Rules with regard to notice of applications for private bills for the erection of telegraph and telephone lines, nor have they complied with the rule requiring the deposit of a printed copy of the Bill with the Clerk of the House eight days before the opening of the session, together with a copy of the petition and notices, and the payment to the Clerk of the House of the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Wherefore your petitioner prays that leave shall not be granted to the said petitioners to present their said Bill to your Honourable House, and that your petitioner may have leave to appear by counsel to oppose the same.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1900.

W. FARRELL.

LYMAN P. DUFF,

Parliamentary Agent of Wm. Farrell.

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